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December 12, 2003

**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of Yoshio ICHIKAWA  
FUEL TANK FOR MOTOR VEHICLE AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING  
THE SAME

**Assignee: KABUSHIKI KAISHA NIPPANKENKYUSHO**

Our Ref. Q78738

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising twenty-six (26) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, a copy of an executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and a copy of an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.

Applicant claims benefit of small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.27.

The Government filing fee is calculated, after entry of the Preliminary Amendment, as follows (**Small Entity fees apply**):

Total claims	<u>20</u>	-	<u>20</u>	=	<u>          </u>	x	\$9.00	=	<u>          </u>	\$0.00
Independent claims	<u>1</u>	-	<u>3</u>	=	<u>          </u>	x	\$43.00	=	<u>          </u>	\$0.00
Base Fee										\$385.00

<b>TOTAL FEE</b>										<b>\$385.00</b>
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A check for the statutory filing fee of \$385.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.



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Attorney Docket No: Q78738  
Filing Date: December 12, 2003

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
JAPAN	2003-114241	April 18, 2003

The priority document is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,  
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